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Money Matters

Bonus raises concerns

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

A three-year-old clerical error has resurfaced to cause dissension throughout the campus.

Prior to being promoted from assistant to associate professor before the 2001-2002 school year, Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology, received a generous contract in the mail.

"I knew I would be receiving a substantial raise that year," Locher said. "I had no idea how much. About 10 different people told me how much I could expect, and they literally gave me 10 different numbers. None of them were right."

The contract he received was $17,000 more than his previous salary as an assistant professor of $35, 494. Locher said he was surprised by the numbers, but thought the College was simply rewarding him for his promotion.

"I have friends who work at other colleges in other states, and I knew that what I was being offered was not out of line with what I could expect," he said. "It seemed generous to me, but it wasn't like an extra $100,000 or anything like that."

Dr. David Locher
Associate Professor of Sociology

Locher signed the contract and turned it in to the president's office on a Monday.

"Friday of that same week, I received a very remorseful phone call from the administration saying that a clerical error had been made on my contract, that they had literally simply printed out the wrong salary," he said.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, was the member of the administration who contacted Locher after human resources discovered the mistake.

"I called David the minute I was notified that there was an error and explained to him that there was an error made," she said. "I apologized to him on behalf of the College."

Three days later, Locher met with Agee. She informed him that his contract was $10,000 more than it was supposed to be. With his promotion to associate professor, Locher should have received a $7,000 raise.

Locher agreed to give up the

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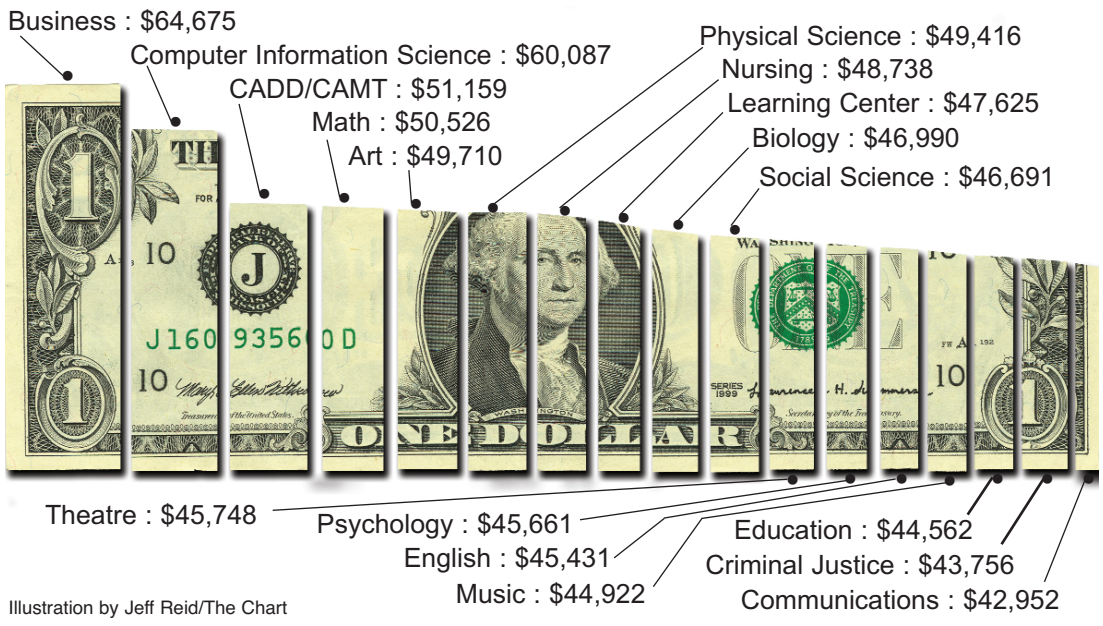

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Instructors question equality in pay across departments

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The discovery of a mistake in Dr. David Locher's salary has caused many to question the equality in pay among departments.

"His case might make a hell of a good case for more equality across this campus," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology.

Locher, associate professor or sociology, himself agreed that a problem exists with the way the Missouri Southern calculates pay raises.

Upon promotion, employees at the College receive a pay raise based on a survey average of national salaries. This survey is conducted by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources.

Southern employees receive 85 percent of the national average based on the previous year's survey, plus 3 more percent to cover inflation. That promotion must amount to at least $2,000. If not, the faculty member receives the $2,000 instead. These figures are relative to the lower cost of living in the Joplin area.

When Locher, for example, received a promotion from assistant to associate professor before the 2000-2001 school year, he should have

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Jessica Firor/The Chart

Constantin Lupu, Tim Borchelt and Greg Brauner with K.W. Luetkemeyer paint turn lanes leading out of Hughes Stadium onto Duquesne Road.

Weather, error cause delays in crosswalk projects

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

The updated crosswalks at Missouri Southern, along with the new traffic signals, will be in full operation by the week of Feb. 3.

Bob Harrington, director of physical plant, said the traffic signals need to be in their awareness mode for a week until they begin operating.

The construction project was scheduled to be completed by Christmas 2002, however, weather and a mathematical error caused the month-long delay.

The new lights on Duquesne Road had poles that were too close to Empire Electric's wires. Under regulation, there must be 10 feet of open space between the poles and the wires.

"We weren't expecting that delay," Harrington said.

As students prepare for new traffic regulations, some have expressed different opinions about the project and its validity for student safety.

"I think we could have spent the money on something better," said Myriam Gharbi, senior teacher education and French major. "There's a tunnel you can take."

Gharbi said she never has had any problems crossing Newman Road.

"I don't think it's going to make a major difference." Gharbi said.

Sylvester Moore, freshman undecided major, also thinks the money spent on the crosswalk system should have gone toward other campus projects.

"It doesn't make sense," Moore said. "I think they could have used the money for the football field."

Moore said students should be mature enough to be able to look both

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Campus rules on smoking lead to debate

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Students bringing tobacco on campus might want to check out the smoking and tobacco use policy in the student handbook.

Believe it or not, it's against policy.

The paragraph, under the Use of Facilities section in the student handbook, states, "The Board of Regents of Missouri Southern State College prohibits smoking and tobacco use of any kind. Tobacco products are not permitted in any campus buildings."

The policy also states that "smoking and other tobacco usage is only permitted outside of buildings."

"That's the policy," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

Carnahan said, however, that the policy saying it's against the rules to bring tobacco into a campus building can be looked at in a different way.

"I don't think someone is going to get bent out of shape if someone is walking around school with a can of chewing tobacco in their back pocket," Carnahan said.

Carnahan issues four to five warnings a year to students who violate the policy. He said most of the warnings come from students in the residence halls.

Smoking on the Southern campus is almost always a topic of debate, especially when it's cold outside.

"When it's really cold, we shouldn't have to go outside and smoke," said Laura Phillips, freshman marketing major. "I understand the health issue, but at the same time, it's discrimination

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

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Partly Cloudy
High: 62
Low: 38

SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 51
Low: 42

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ONLINE

Check out this week's poll question at www.thechartonline.com:
What did you think of the play The Laramie Project?

Senate looks at new class

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

A new course may become available for Missouri Southern students.

Casey Highland, senior senator and chairman of the academic policy committee, said the course titled Windows Programming with Microsoft Foundation Classes (CIS 380), would be offered through the school of technology.

Currently, Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the department of computer information science, is proposing the course.

Previous Senate member, Jacob Brower, senior mass communications major, applied for an open position on Senate and was appointed with a unanimous vote.

The Comparative Education and Cultures Club requested $990 for 22 students to take a side trip during a 17-day trip to Italy during intersession.

"We are asking for $45 per student to visit Pisa and Mt. Etna during our visit," said Jenny Ford, senior secondary education major.

The club is going on the trip to compare and contrast education systems in the United States and Italy.

Since the club has not been established for six months, it would take a three-quarters vote of the Senate to allocate funds.

Ford and her organization met opposition from the Senate because the club was formed from and consists only of students taking the Comparative Cultures course.

"This is a class," said Andrew McGowan, Senate treasurer. "The members consist of members of the class. Half the cost of the trip was provided by the Institute of International Studies.

"I think this trip is good, but I don't want to set a precedent for classes asking us for money. It is not a recognized club."

"These people went into this class knowing they were going to spend this money," said Stacey Allen, Senate secretary.

Although there were members of the Senate who were not in opposition the club was not granted funding.

"If we have extra money at the end of the semester, we could possibly allocate money then," said Zach Miller, freshman senator.

Senate did unanimously allocate $1,000 toward the street signs soon to be on campus roads.

Senate is planning a trip on Feb. 18 to Jefferson City.

"We're sending letters to local legislatures to let them know we will be in Jefferson City," Odem said. "We'll do some informal lobbying for university status."

SMOKING:

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because there are a lot of smokers on campus."

Phillips said she would love to see a room in some of the buildings on campus to be designed especially for smokers.

"Maybe there could be a smoking lounge," Phillips said. "It could be a heated ventilated room with a place to sit."

On the other side of the tobacco debate are non-smokers.

"There's a cloud of smoke when I leave buildings," said Jenna Bass, freshman undecided major. "I have to hold my breath."

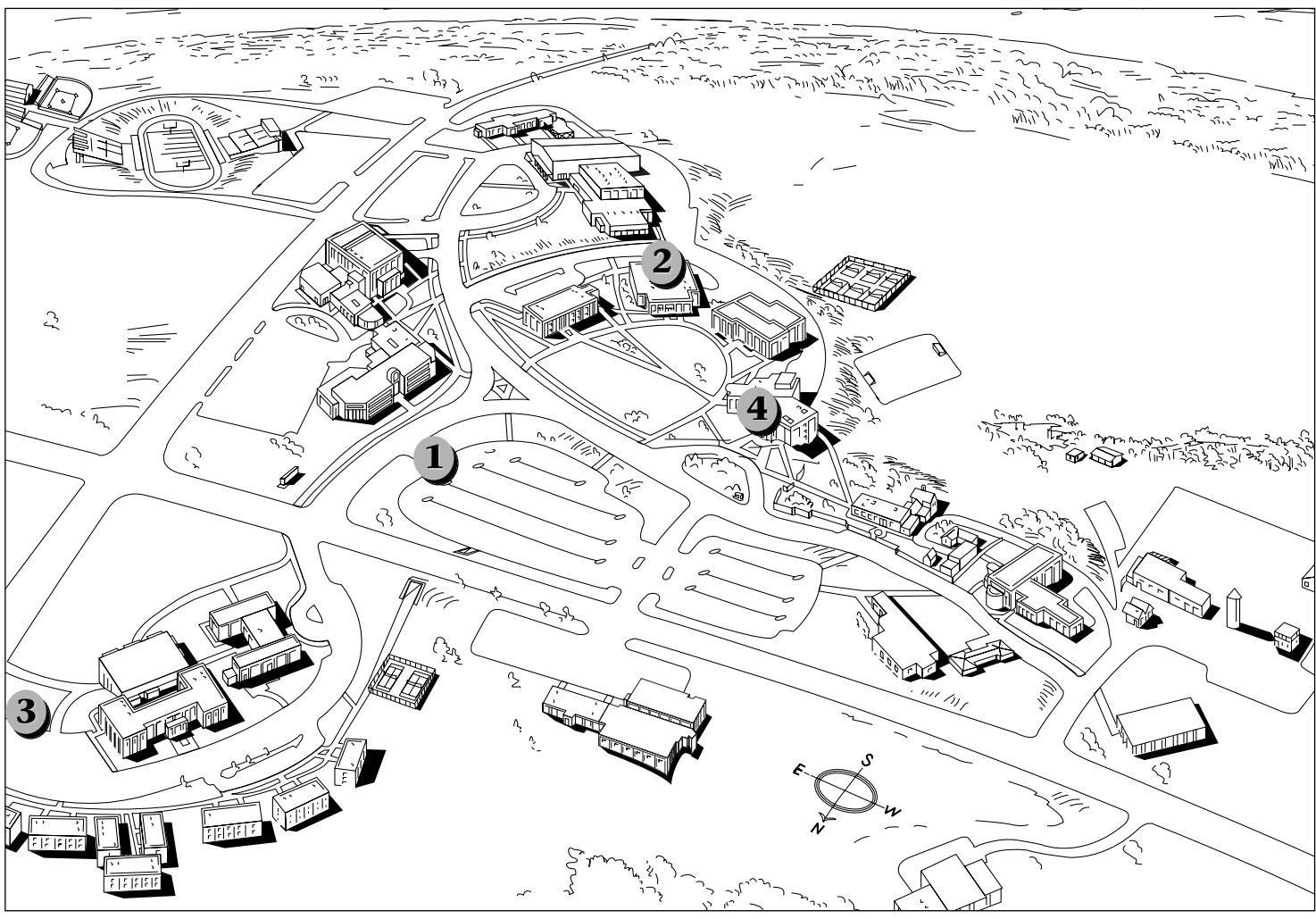
While it's a campus-wide policy about smoking outside of all buildings, a few areas around campus are a little more stringent regarding the burning debate.

The residence halls and Matthews Hall have a rule that smokers must be at least 50 feet away from the structure when puffing away.

"There's no campus policy for that request," Carnahan said.

Carnahan believes there could be some changes with Southern's smoking regulations.

"In my own opinion I think the time is coming when there will be no smoking on campus," he said.



Perfume salesman harasses on-campus students

1 Damaged Property

01/22/2003

7:30 p.m.

Security was notified in regard to a yield sign that had been damaged at the intersection between lot No. 4 and lot No. 6.

No suspects have been reported at this time.

2 Injured Person

01/22/2003

8:00 p.m.

A person was at the back of Spiva Library, walking toward the front of the library, when he slipped and fell on the ice, landing on his right side and injuring his right arm. It was not stated if the subject required medical assistance or not.

3 Harassment

01/24/2003

2:15 p.m.

A student assistant contacted security in regard to a man on the second floor of East Hall who was trying to sell perfume to two students. One of the students stated she felt dizzy and decided to contact an SA.

The man selling the perfume left the scene before security arrived, and the student refused medical attention.

4 Damaged Property

01/27/2003

11:43 a.m.

A student left his running vehicle parked in the half circle drive in front of East Hall and ran into the building. After entering the building, the student's car jumped out of gear and ran into another car parked in the drive.

Damage included a cracked bumper and several scratches to the paint on both vehicles.

Accessweather.com Local Weather Report — Jan. 31, 2003

Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Mostly Cloudy — High: 54 Low: 30

Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 62 Low: 38

Sunday — Cloudy — High: 51 Low: 42

Monday — Showers Possible — High: 42 Low: 31

Tuesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 41 Low: 31

Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 46 Low: 35

Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 52 Low: 36

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	40	20	42/24	0.00"
Tuesday	38	24	42/24	0.00"
Wednesday	29	10	42/24	0.01"
Thursday	14	1	42/24	0.00"
Friday	29	5	43/24	0.00"
Saturday	44	19	43/24	0.00"
Sunday	34	15	43/24	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.01"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.36"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.35"
Precipitation for the year .....0.26"
Normal precipitation year to date .....1.54"
Departure from normal for the year ...-1.28"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

An upper level area of low pressure will dominate the weather across the campus to end this week. Mostly cloudy skies will be the rule along with breezy conditions. High pressure will take charge of the weather Saturday, providing partly cloudy skies and this will be a fantastic opportunity to schedule recreational activities. A cold front will slide in from the west late Sunday and Monday, providing scattered precipitation. High temperatures will top out in the 40s to the lower 60s. Low temperatures will be in the 30s and lower 40s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

New 2/1 — First 2/9 — Full 2/16 — Last 2/23

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:22 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
Sat	7:21 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	7:53 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
Sun	7:20 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	8:28 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
Mon	7:19 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	8:58 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Tue	7:18 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	9:24 a.m.	9:06 p.m.
Wed	7:17 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	9:49 a.m.	10:04 p.m.
Thu	7:17 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	10:12 a.m.	11:01 p.m.

Weather History

Jan. 30, 1977 - The great "Buffalo Blizzard" finally abated after three days. The storm added a foot of new snow to 33 inches already on the ground. Winds gusting to 75 mph reduced visibilities to near zero and produced snow drifts 25 feet in height.

National Weather Summary This Week

An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will develop across the southeastern United States to end this week. A likely chance of precipitation will develop along with breezy conditions. The main area of low pressure will accelerate rapidly up the Atlantic Seaboard this weekend, sparking precipitation under mostly cloudy to cloudy skies. A strengthening area of low pressure will bring a mixture of rain and snow across the northern and central Plains this weekend. As we move into the beginning of next week, this low pressure center will move into the northeastern United States. A wide path of precipitation will develop along with very blustery conditions. A cold front will slide into the Pacific Northwest by the middle of next week.

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Weather Trivia

Did a meteorologist sign the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: Yes, Thomas Jefferson was deeply interested in weather.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.26	3.09	1.74
Feb	------	0.72	2.12
Mar	------	2.65	3.10
Apr	------	4.10	4.10
May	------	13.60	4.96
Jun	------	4.71	5.07
Jul	------	4.87	3.73
Aug	------	1.14	3.58
Sep	------	1.64	4.97
Oct	------	2.30	3.50
Nov	------	0.56	3.18
Dec	------	2.10	2.54
Total	**0.26**	**41.48**	**42.59**

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KANSAS CITY, MO
Sunday, February 9
Park Place Hotel
(Off Front St. at I-435)
Registration: 9 – 1

LINCOLN, NE
Wednesday, February 5
University of Nebraska
NE Union – Ballroom
Registration: 3 – 5

WARRENSBURG, MO
Tuesday, February 4
CMSU
Union – Ballroom
Registration: 3 – 5

LAWRENCE, KS
Monday, February 10
Kansas University
Kansas Union – KS Room
Registration: 3 – 5

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Library boasts new Drive Shield software

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Any pornography and instant message service downloaded by a student user will be cleaned off the computers in the library whenever a new student logs in.

A program called Drive Shield cleans the computers' "C" drives every time the computers reboot. The computers then revert to the programs and files that were initially installed. The Drive Shield program was installed during semester break due to the need to keep the computers open for research.

"A lot of the game playing and instant messaging is something we discourage," said Wendy McGrane, interim library director.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, agrees.

"When a student goes to the library and instant messages for four or five hours, students come in needing to do research or homework, well now you don't have the machines taken up by people in chat mode," Earney said.

Students will have to download a new messaging program each time they get on the computers if the students wish to use such programs.

Earney said the computers are like a restaurant in which people come in and leave as quickly as possible so that the seats are not taken up.

Another problem solved by the program is that students would sometimes change the settings so another student would not be able to operate the computer

"You never sit down and have say, Word or Excel, not work," Earney said.

Also, if a student downloads a new program, the computer's free space will not be taken up if another student needs to use the space.

"Only the stuff that is supposed to be active is active, like Internet Explorer," Earney said.

Cookies, which are placed on computers through some Internet sites as a means to keep track of the computers and trigger ads, are also cleaned off the computers with each reboot. Excess cookies and programs can slow a computer's resources down.

"It also helped alleviate computers losing their network connections," McGrane said. "When you go to print, the computer would get confused."

Drive Shield will also save the librarians and computer workers time fixing computer problems created by students modifying the computer settings. Repair time is usually between two and three minutes per computer to fix the modifications.

Students can save files on the computers to use throughout the week on the "U" drive. The drive has the letters "StuServ" to the side.

Every Friday the drive is cleaned out, but students may save their files through the drive during the week without worrying if it will be deleted by the Drive Shield program.

If students do not want to save a file on the computers, they may bring a disc to save data. Another option is for students to e-mail the files to themselves.

Students may go downstairs to the first floor library computers to chat or play games, but the main floor computers are intended for research and homework purposes.

"It makes sense to me that people can still access it (instant messaging) if they go downstairs," said April Stanley, senior international studies major.

Jocelyn DeAnda, sophomore psychology major, saw little need for the program.

"I only use the programs that are on here," she said.

McGrane believes the program was a worthwhile investment.

"I appreciate the computer center providing it for us," McGrane said.

McGrane also added the library has new hours. The library is open from 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday; from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and from 1-11p.m on Sunday.

Phi Sigma looking for donations

BY PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

The candy and flowers that many women look forward to on Valentine's Day are luxuries to those staying in the Lafayette House.

A substantial need exists which members of the Freshman National Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma, are working to provide. Melissa Locher, coordinator of disability services and the faculty connection to the honor society, acknowledged the necessity of the project.

"The project accepts both monetary donations as well as soaps, shampoo and toothbrushes," Locher said. "A lot of times the women and children need these things because they've left their homes in haste and not under the best of circumstances."

Donations are collected at Locher's office in the Learning Center and assembled into baskets by members of Phi Eta Sigma. Members of the honor society chose the Lafayette House for community service for one obvious reason.

"What shocked us was that the women there didn't have anything," said Carla Fairbanks, a previous member and the resident director of McCormick Hall.

Teddy Brown, community services specialist at the Lafayette House, has seen that impact firsthand.

"The women go crazy over them [the baskets]," she said. "It really helps them to know that there's someone out there who cares."

Brown wants area women to consider the Lafayette House an available resource to assist them in the struggles they face. The basket project was included in Brown's praise for the community generosity toward the Lafayette House.

"Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society with a service component," Locher said. "I believe that community involvement and volunteerism is a crucial part of higher education. "Getting involved in projects like this is a good way to round out the education experience. These are just typical students making an impact. They do other service projects throughout the year, but I particularly like this one because of the direct impact it has on our local community."

PEACEFUL PEOPLE

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Members of Joplin's Peace Awareness Group, including Southern students and faculty, participate in an anti-war demonstration Jan. 29 on Seventh Street.

Sept. 11 dedication flag fighting off wind, ice

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

The Sept. 11 flag has faced wind damage due to wind and ice. Two flags are rotated every two months.

BY CRAIG JONES
Staff Writer

Whipped by winds 100 feet above the ground, the stars and stripes atop Southern's Sept. 11 memorial didn't last forever.

Missouri Southern has two flags for the memorial that are rotated every two months to keep up with wear and tear, said Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant.

The flags, which measure 20 feet by 38 feet when new, become tattered in the winds and require regular repair. Harrington said the flags are repaired by cutting the damaged area off and hemming the edge of the flag.

The wind, however, is not the flags' only foe. Harrington said the initial damage to the first flag occurred during an ice storm in November 2002.

"It started ripping at about 9 p.m. that night," Harrington said. "It had a 6-to-7 foot rip. The wind and the ice crystals had cut the fabric."

Harrington said the flag was returned to the manufacturer in Beaumont, Texas, for repair, which was completed at a cost of $75.

The second flag, which replaced the first, had to be removed during another winter storm over the holiday break, Harrington said.

He said the second flag had minor damage and was repaired by a Joplin business, Coglizer Tent and Awning. The cost was $30.

"They're designed to be out there in all weather conditions, other than the ice," Harrington said.

Jim Wallace, director of public works in Webb City, said its memorial flags are repaired by Coglizer as well.

The city maintains a 9-11 memorial with a flag and pole identical to those at Southern.

The memorial is located near the Praying Hands at King Jack Park in Webb City.

Wallace said the city maintains the memorial flags on a six-month rotation, but the flag's condition is checked daily.

"If there's ice, we'll take it down," Wallace said.

Harrington said Southern's flags will eventually have to be replaced as they are gradually reduced in size by the repair process.

"We expect we'll have to buy, if not one, at least two flags a year," Harrington said.

He said the flags cost $850 each.

Students question Southern's history requirements

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Though Missouri Southern tries to stay focused on its international mission, when it comes to history requirements, national interests rank first.

Gabe Mankin, senior mass communications major, came to Southern with two world civilization history classes behind him. He said he was annoyed to discover the credits wouldn't transfer from his old college because they were not U.S. history classes. Mankin had to take both of the College's required core curriculum U.S. history classes.

"Basically, all they were were overviews of what I've already learned in high school," he said.

Mankin believes students go through enough American history "rigmarole" in high school, and Southern should offer and accept world history classes for core.

"If they're going to call themselves the international college, I think it's the only right thing to do," he said.

"We don't necessarily require, nor expect, every course will focus on international [studies]," said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, who believes both U.S. history courses are needed.

He said many high school students don't put much effort into history at the high school level.

"If we have a limited exposure to present history, I think it's critical they understand the history of our society," Miller said.

For those who wish to study world history or civilization for their major, those classes are offered, he said.

"Before you understand the breadth of world history, I think you do need an understanding of your own," Miller said.

Dr. Larry Martin
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Lauren Johnston, sophomore education/German major, thinks Southern should require both U.S. and world history as core.

"We have an international mission and not to require world history just seems to make our whole international mission a moot point," she said.

Learning about America's heritage from a world view is important, Johnston said.

"That's our roots," she said. "That's where we came from."

Dr. J. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, said Missouri requires all college graduates to have had at least one course covering U.S. history.

"It's state law," he said.

The College used to only require one U.S. history course, but in the 1989-91 catalog the curriculum was changed to require both 1492-1877 and 1877-present history courses.

"The idea was that you'd have all of American history instead of pre-Civil War or post-Civil War," Martin said.

Southern decided to change its history program about the same time many studies were coming out showing that many college students didn't know much about their own country's history, he said.

"It's hard to be a citizen if you're not an educated citizen, especially in a democracy," Martin said.

Mankin transferred to Southern from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., where he said college credits cost around $1,000 per credit. Not only were his world history classes expensive, but he said they were some of the hardest courses to take at Benedictine. He doesn't understand why such an internationally-oriented college like Southern wouldn't accept his world

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Editor's Column

Game plan changes, discovering priorities

Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

I'm not supposed to be here right now.

Missouri Southern was just supposed to be a way point on my educational journey, only for a year, a year and a half, tops.

Funny how life changes everything, isn't it?

My second semester, I met my bride-to-be, Genna McDaniel, and my third semester I welcomed my twin daughters, Arden and Hannah, into the world.

And for a while, everything went well, and past plans became just that, the past.

The other day when I was going through some of my stuff, I found an old catalog from Prescott University, in Prescott, Ariz., which was supposed to be my next destination after Southern. And seeing that catalog, and having all those past dreams come rushing back, was a strange experience to say the least.

At first, it was a strange feeling of shock to have all those dreams and hopes right in my face again after all these years. Then, that was replaced by regret.

Going to Prescott had been my dream since my junior year of high school, and here I was, still at Southern, still on the newspaper and about as far from going to Prescott as I had ever been. And I won't lie — I was about as depressed as I've ever been.

But then, I started to think about where I was, not where I wanted to be, and I realized some things.

I'm engaged and have two beautiful, healthy daughters with the woman I love, and plan to marry (If she ever decides on a date...), and who has helped me in more ways than she will ever know. I love you.

And I've made the best friends I've ever had. I obviously can't name everybody, but you know who you are. I love all you guys, and you've all made things a hundred times better than I ever thought they would be. And even at the risk of offending others, I have to thank Allison personally. You're the sister I never had, and you're my best friend. Even though you don't respect me. But I'm digressing.

I guess the point I'm trying to get at is that sometimes things happen that you don't ever anticipate, but that's just life. Things happen and plans change. You can either get depressed about it, or you can make the best of what you have. And while I'm not any closer to where I want to be in life, I've finally learned that it's what happens in between that really matters.

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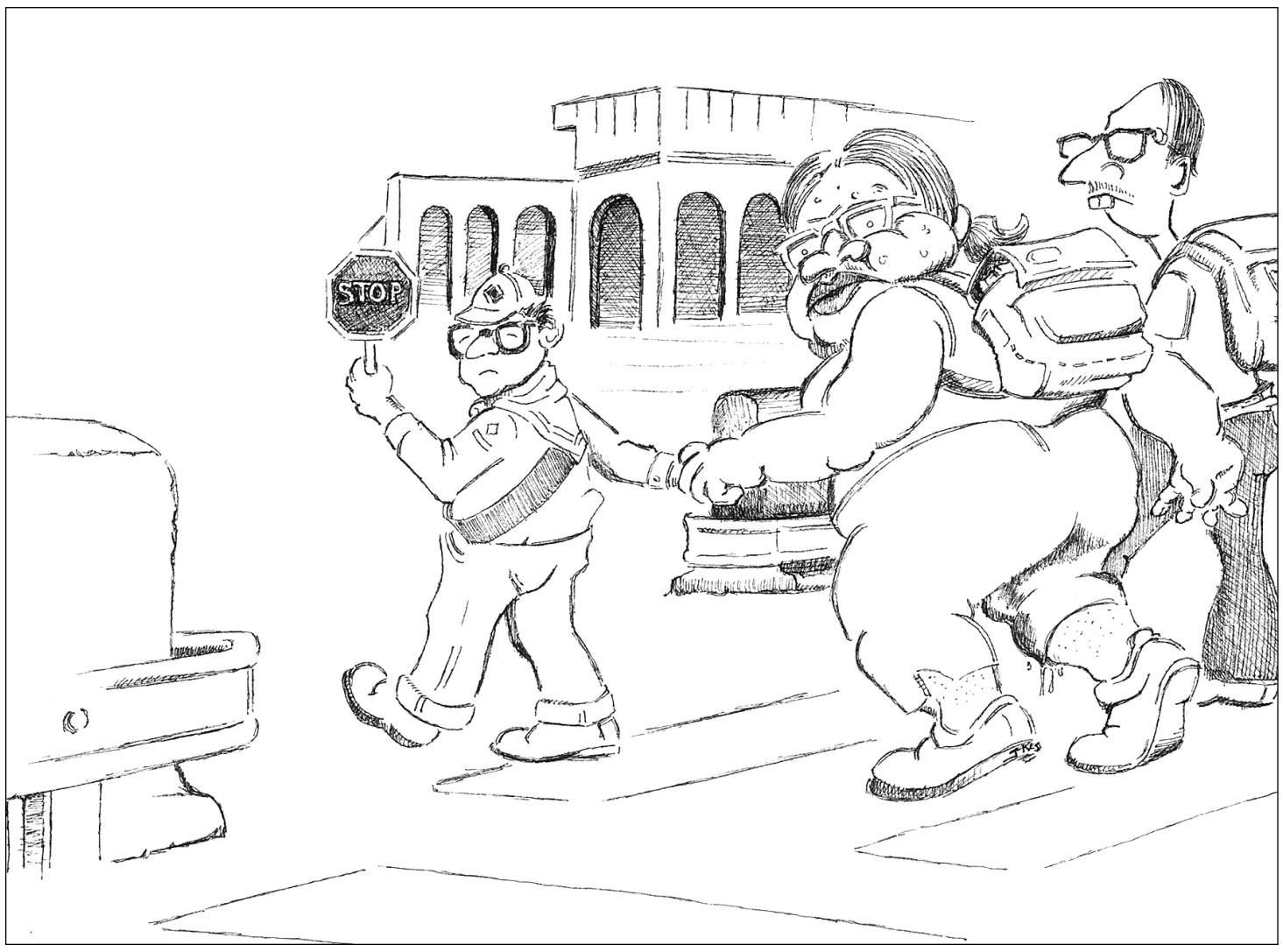


Duquesne Road still not safe

As the crosswalk safety projects near final completion, many students are wondering whether Duquesne Road has actually become safer.

Construction workers have been working hard to make the crossings safer on Duquesne and Newman roads, but it almost seems as though Duquesne has become less safe than before.

A concrete barrier, the "Duquesne Wall," built on that road east of Webster Hall and Taylor Hall, has made driving more dangerous and crossing less pleasing for pedestrians.

Chart Opinion

The barrier obstructs the vision of drivers, making it even more difficult to see people crossing the street. It also makes turning left out of the parking lots nearly impossible.

Drivers can turn left out of one lot behind Webster Hall, but many don't dare.

Because vision is obstructed, a collision with another car is a high possibility.

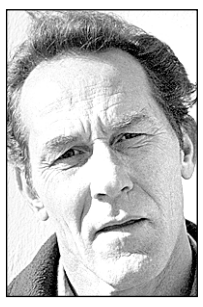
Safety is the main concern, but convenience has also been hindered. Because they can't turn left, drivers add time and distance to their trips when leaving Missouri Southern.

Many students have also complained that simply driving along the barrier is difficult because the road seems more narrow.

The College is spending more than $380,000 on this safety project. While students and employees at Southern appreciate the great effort, the College could spend that money on much better things than a wall that is defeating the project's purpose.

Campus Voice

Has the construction improved safety?



"It has definitely helped in making the crossing easier, but it is not finished to date."

Daniel L. Adams
Junior
Business
Major

"Yes, because people who are in a hurry to class don't really want to wait long enough for students to cross, which makes them uncautious."

Misty Rabel
Junior
Undecided
Major

"Yes, but I think people will be late for class due to having to wait to cross the street or waiting at the light."

Hope Biesterveld
Freshman
Undecided
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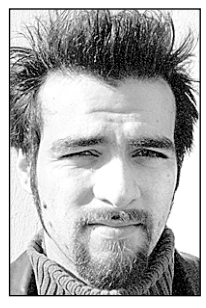

"No, because it is unfinished. Time will tell whether it effectively increases the safety of the street crossing. Right now it's a hazard, confused mess."

Jeff Youngblood
Sophomore
Art
Major

"Not right now. The construction makes it unsafe. Hopefully after the light is installed, it will be safe again."

Kim McCain
Senior
Sociology
Major

Letters

Projects lack justification

As an employee of Missouri Southern, we suffer greatly from the budget crisis that has afflicted the College as of late. Due to the budget, we are not able to get the materials or equipment needed to fulfill our job duties properly or efficiently.

There are also projects around campus that cannot be started or completed because of the lack of funds. Therefore, with these problems occurring, I cannot understand the justification of projects such as the crosswalk light construction, for example, that has in itself taken nearly $400,000 out of the budget for the College.

I have been given a couple of reasons for the need of the lights between the residence halls and the main campus. Neither of the reasons, in my opinion, are worth the money spent due to alternatives that are available.

First, the issue of safety was a big factor for the project. I don't know the exact number, but in the past, a few students have been hit by vehicles traveling on Newman Road, not to mention the near misses that have occurred.

To my knowledge, that's what the tunnel was built for. It crosses underneath Newman Road so that students don't have to contend with traffic on Newman at all. Safety issue solved.

Now to my favorite reason. "The tunnel takes me out of my way and costs me time." Well, let's see. Oh yeah! That's about one minute, to be exact.

That's right! I timed it. It's about one minute longer to walk by way of the tunnel to the main campus from the residence halls. And that's to Webster Hall, which, by the way, is the most out of the way building coming out of the tunnel.

It is appalling to me that the laziness of today's youth can determine the justification of a project—remember $400,000. I'm sure many others would agree, the money could have been better spent.

Michael Alejandro
Physical Plant employee.

Reward? No money whatsoever

Two years ago, Joe Day, an alumnus of Missouri Southern, placed first at the IFA International Tournament held in Prague, Czechoslovakia. One year later, Kelly B. Larson, assistant professor of communications and director of forensics, decided to try and send a group of students to the IFA tournament. Not only did the team take the first place spot for the second year in a row, but all five of the traveling team members placed in the top six. So how does the International Grant Committee reward the Missouri Southern Forensics team for this upcoming third year? — By giving them absolutely no money whatsoever. Not only did the Missouri Southern Forensics team not receive a dime, but it was also slandered by the committee by saying the trip has no "academic vigor." As a proud member of this nationally respected debate team, I am furious with the fact that this so called committee thinks the debate team lacks educational purpose internationally. It's not the students' fault that our debate circuit chose to hold the tournament in neighboring country, Canada, nor is it our fault that this committee thinks our trip would be a waste of money.

So let's move on and define "academic vigor." This is the idea that a trip or event holds a drive to achieve education. Why does the committee think the debate team lacks this? From my experience, debate students hold more of an educational drive than any other student on campus. They are skilled in their researching abilities and hold a keen knowledge of current events. These tournaments that we attend (including the one that received no funding) are the culmination of our skills we have acquired in researching a particular topic. If anything, the debate team should be No. 1 on the list of groups receiving aid. But alas, we came up dead last and without a penny. Don't worry about us, students, we will receive our money elsewhere and represent Missouri Southern in Canada in March, but without the help of the International Committee. We will defend our title as international champions for the third year in a row and continue our winning tradition. Most importantly, we will try our hardest this year to produce an "academic vigor" that you students will be proud of.

Jason Edgar
Speech Communications Major

A helping hand... from Brazil

B-ball player learns American way of life

By Mandi Steele
International Editor

Dribbling her way into Missouri Southern, Lucimara Silva, or "Lu," originally began playing basketball in her hometown of Toledo, Brazil.

The junior center decided learning English in the United States wasn't challenging enough, but went on to learn Spanish. She's now a Spanish major and says she can understand Spanish fine, but has a hard time speaking it.

Her native tongue is Portuguese, and when she first came to this country to play basketball for Northeast Oklahoma A & M, she said, "I didn't speak any English at all."

"I was scared to go outside and talk to people," Silva said.

Meeting many new friends at Southern and seeing old friends from NEO every once in awhile, Silva said she now enjoys being in the United States.

"I think she's pretty courageous," said Jacquie Rzeszut, Silva's roommate.

Rzeszut said she doesn't think she'd ever be able to do what Silva's done — leaving family and friends to go to college in another country. The two teammates have become good friends on and off the court, watching movies together and Silva even offers to cook some of her Brazilian food for her roommates.

Silva said Americans are too used to eating fast food. In Brazil, people make homemade meals more often.

"I couldn't imagine my senior year without Lu Silva," Rzeszut said.

"She's definitely someone who's touched my life."

Silva enriches the players in her culture with both the similarities and differences, Rzeszut said.

While playing in a basketball game in Rio de Janeiro, a NEO recruiter offered Silva the chance to play basketball in the United States. Silva said her mother told her to go for it.

Maryann Mitts, head coach, said Southern tried hard to recruit Silva.

"Lu was the type of player and person we wanted in our program," she said.

The team needed a tall, post player, Mitts said.

Silva is now the tallest player on the team and, according to Rzeszut, one of the top scorers. Rzeszut said people think she and Silva must compete to get the most points, being as they are both top scorers. Rzeszut said that isn't the case.

"We complement each other really well," she said.

Silva's dream is to become a WNBA player, but said, "I need a lot of hard work to do it."

She plans to graduate in May 2004 and go on to another country, like Spain, to play basketball.

What she misses the most about being in Brazil is her family and friends.

"I talk to them two or three times a week on the phone," Silva said.

Rzeszut already knows she will miss her roommate after graduating. She said Silva is "trustworthy" and always offering to help other people.

"She's definitely one of our key players," she said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Lu Silva came from Brazil to the United States to play basketball this year.

Foreign language minors expect 'interesting' semester in Japan this Spring

By Missy Morgan
Staff Writer

Three Missouri Southern students are receiving the chance of a lifetime.

Richard Lazarus, Jeff Tilton and Daniel Rogers will soon find themselves in the land of chopsticks and sushi as they travel to Japan this spring to study.

The students are traveling with Southern's bilateral exchange program that enables universities to swap students. Each year Southern sends several students to Sweden, South America, Chile, Japan and South Korea while allowing an equal number of students from those countries to study here.

Stephanie Goad, international student adviser and exchange coordinator, has been involved in the upcoming trips.

"I think this is a great experience; there is no better way to learn a language than immersion," she said. "A lot of people will only have book Japanese, but these students will be far more proficient."

Lazarus, a senior computer science major with a minor in Japanese, is originally from Indonesia and spent three years studying in New Zealand before coming to Southern. His interest in the Japanese language began at an early age by watching Japanese cartoons that resemble the modern cartoon "Dragonball Z."

"Watching things in Japanese with English subtitles made me interested in learning the language and knowing more about their culture," he said. "I watch a lot of Japanese movies now, and I wonder if it will be exactly the same when I go or if they made up things."

He has been studying the Japanese language for a year and a half.

Tilton, junior international studies major with a minor in Japanese, and Lazarus will both fly to Japan at the end of March to attend Ryukoku University.

The Japanese semester begins in April and goes through August.

The students will be without a Southern instructor or translator to guide them once they arrive in Japan. They will be taking classes in Japanese language, culture, technology and history taught strictly in Japanese.

"It will be interesting, but a challenge," Lazarus said. "I'm a little bit scared, but mostly excited."

The trip offers a change of scenery, a chance to make new friends and a better environment to learn the language, but the students say they will miss some of the American staples like Wal-Mart.

Unlike Lazarus, who will be spending one semester studying in Japan, Tilton will be in Japan from April until January 2004.

Tilton is a traveler by nature and spent a week in China after his senior year of high school.

He is still applying for student study abroad grants to provide the money for an airplane ticket, but said he is determined to go to Japan.

"If I have to hang on to the wheel of a 747, I'm going," Tilton said.

He has studied Japanese for a year and a half and looks forward to becoming more proficient in the language.

"My Japanese is very limited right now," Tilton said. "Mostly what I know how to do is order food in a restaurant, ask for directions and get my face slapped by pretty girls on the street."

Tilton started out at Southern as a computer and information systems major with a minor in Japanese, but switched to international studies because it better fit his goals.

"I figured if I was going to be in the technology field, sooner or later I was going to end up working for the Japanese," he said.

Tilton hopes to become more fluent in spoken and written Japanese as a result of the trip. Both Lazarus and Tilton said they look forward to the authentic food during the trip.

"I love Japanese food," Tilton said. "I can cook Chinese food pretty well, but as far as Japanese, my sushi still comes out horrible."

The trip helps complete a childhood dream of Tilton's to visit Japan. He is a student of Aikido, a nonviolent form of martial arts for self-defense, and has long been fascinated by Japanese culture.

"When all of my other friends were watching 'Ninja Turtles,' I was watching the *Seventh Samurai*, go figure," he said.

A third student traveling to Japan this spring, Daniel Rogers, junior history major with a minor in Japanese, left for his study abroad program earlier this week.

He will be attending the university at Kansai Gai Dai where the semester begins in February.

All of the students were grateful for the chance to study abroad with the College.

"No other school in this part of the country offers the same opportunities for a student to be able to expand their horizons and see the world," Tilton said.

"If I have to hang on to the wheel of a 747, I'm going."

Jeff Tilton
Junior International Studies Major

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Diversions

Far From Yesterday guitarist and singer Mike Gandy, right and Austin Goetz lead the band during a show at Kharacter's in Downtown Joplin on Jan. 24.

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Far From Yesterday

Band tailors new name to experiences

By Matt Caufield
Staff Writer

They started out On Tap, but they are Far From Yesterday and they hope to keep moving forward.

Mike Gandy, Austin Goetz and Jason Wallace of Far From Yesterday started out as On Tap six years ago. After disapproval of the name On Tap, the band decided to change the name to Fourteen Circles Round.

As Fourteen Circles Round, the band had its first experience ever in the studio.

"We went to a studio that played gospel music, and we were not very good," Goetz said.

He said the experience was a bad one because the producers weren't used to their type of music.

Goetz later on left the band for a year to go to California and also took a year off from music.

"I just had to get away from Joplin for a while," Goetz said.

After he went to California, the band added Nik Kubicek to replace Goetz at bass and added a second guitarist, Jace Kuhler. They changed the band's name to Blind Sight. As Blind Sight, the band recorded another album and experienced some success. The singles "Because I Know" and "Slipping By" received air play on 11 different Midwest stations. Tensions began to escalate, and the band decided to part ways on good terms.

"They weren't musically in tune with us," Gandy said. "They wanted to go somewhere else. I think they wanted to be more of a Joplin band."

Goetz moved back to Joplin after Blind Sight's breakup, and the original trio joined forces once again under the name Defending the Addiction.

After a few months together, the band received two awards from the Midwest Missouri Pop Music Awards for "Best New Artist" and "Best New Songwriter."

While under the name Defending the Addiction, the band added Derrick Carr on lead guitar. With Carr, the band was given the opportunity to play at Mayfest in Tulsa.

"We played at Mayfest which is a huge thing," Wallace said. "There isn't many bands playing at it that aren't from Tulsa."

At Mayfest the band was dubbed the crown prince of emo rock.

Due to scheduling differences, Carr was forced to leave the band and Tommy Hankins joined the band. Due to style conflicts, Hankins left the band and the group decided to keep the original trio.

"We feel more comfortable with a three piece," Goetz said. "Every time we add another person it throws us off."

Defending the Addiction opened up for Zac Maloy, former front man of the Nixons, at Champs Pub and Grill. After meeting Maloy and under his advice, the band decided to change its name to Far From Yesterday. Maloy thought the band's old name didn't fit its style of music.

He thought it would be better if the band picked a different name that had meaning to the members.

"Far From Yesterday basically means we have come a long way from what we used to be," Wallace said.

Maloy is currently helping the band produce its new EP, *Used and Curious Goods*, at his studio in Tulsa.

"I liked what I heard," Maloy said of the band.

"They're a young band. They are doing all the right things, playing as much as they can."

Far From Yesterday hopes its new recording will be a catalyst for the members' music careers.

"We would like to make this our career and actually go on tour," Gandy said

Individuals who would like to see Far From Yesterday can see them perform Feb. 20 at The Outland in Springfield or Feb. 28 at the Green Room in Joplin.

Cheesiness, stereotyping ruin Southern play

In Review

Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

The story of the death of Matthew Shepherd is a tragic and painful one, full of needless violence and ignorance. But Missouri Southern's theatre department managed to fix that.

The theatre's latest production, *The Laramie Project*, is the story of Shepherd's death and the impact it had on the people and community of Laramie,Wyo., as told by the people who were there.

The premise behind the play is how Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project went to Laramie and conducted hundreds of interviews with the people who lived the story, recording their thoughts and feelings on the tragedy.

From there, they pieced the interviews together into a massive collection of scenes and called it a play.

Now keep in mind, my opinion on this play is coming from the point of view of a regular college student. I am not a theatre major, minor, anything. I haven't even taken Theatre Appreciation.

That said, this play bordered on ridiculous.

Now I'm not saying the entire play was terrible. In fact, there were some really good moments in the play. But for every good moment or scene, there were at least two bad ones.

The problem with the bad scenes basically fell into a couple of different categories. Since the characters are based on actual people, the actors tried to portray these people the way they are, including their little quirks and other aspects of their personalities.

Ideally, this is what every actor should try to do with a character, but too much of that is a bad thing.

The characters were so overacted and stereotyped that it was borderline offensive. Half the characters were portrayed as redneck idiots, and the other half were depicted as just idiots.

Another problem was the fact that some of the scenes were so incredibly corny, one couldn't help but laugh.

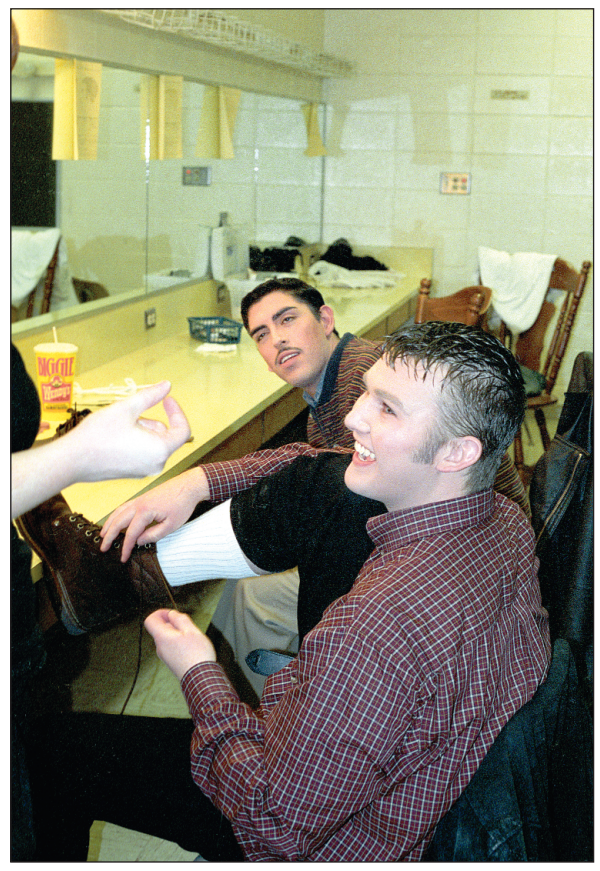
Take the end scene, for example. Matthew Shepherd was in the middle of the stage, holding his hands up toward a bright light, while other cast members linked arms forming a circle around him and swayed back and forth. Seriously, why didn't they just lead the audience in a rendition of "Amazing Grace" or something?

Those two facts aside, the other problem was the length of the play. It started at 7:30 p.m., and after a 10 minute intermission, we finally left the theater at 10:45 p.m. So, everything considered, the play was three hours long. Which was about an hour too much.

What would have appealed to me more would have been to cut out some of the second act and just make the play a one act that ran a little longer. Instead, when they announced the intermission, I found myself rolling my eyes, thinking, "Good lord, you mean there is another act still to go?"

Now keep in mind, I'm not bashing the actors or Dr. Jay Fields, the director. I just think that this play had a lot of potential, but it was squandered away on boring scenes and rampant stereotyping.

The play had its moments, it really did. Unfortunately, this was another situation where the good was far outweighed by the stereotyping, length and all-around cheesiness.



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Jimmy Noriega, back, theatre and English major, and Aaron Stockton, theatre and CADD major, prepare to perform in *The Laramie Project*.

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Poetry reading draws peace seekers

BY LANDON FRY
Staff Writer

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Tegan Blackwood participates in the "Reading For Peace" poetry reading. Blackwood gave two musical performances at the event on Jan. 24. The reading consisted of numerous forms of poetry, essays, commentary and different kinds of musical performances.

"As if in a dream, I picked up my rifle, put it on automatic, pushed the barrel into the Cong's face and pulled the trigger," said Dr. Steve Wagner, assistant professor of history, as he read in front of a gathering of students, faculty and community members Jan. 24 at the Seattle Roast Caffé.

"I saw his face disappear. I guess I blew his head off. But I never saw his body, and I did not look for it,"

Wagner's piece, "Death in the Ladrang Valley" from a 1967 edition of *The Saturday Evening Post*, was one of many presented at the Reading for Peace. The gathering pulled in a variety of members from the community for an afternoon of poetry, essays and commentary on the subject of peace.

"It was really very satisfying to see the diversity of people that participated and the diversity of things they chose to read from," said Jean Blackwood, an organizational member of the community group Peace Awareness. "It just goes to show you that peace is a very large idea. We weren't just talking about the war against Iraq; we were talking on a much bigger scale than that."

Readings ranged from poetry written by the speakers and thoughts from Albert Einstein to an essay on primate peacemaking.

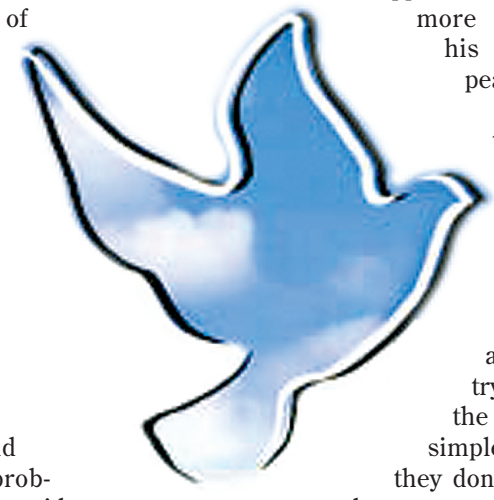
"It emphasized that we think wrongly by thinking it is more natural for humans to make war rather than peace," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English and event organizer, of the essay on primates.

Adorned in traditional Islamic dress with guitar in hand, Tegan Blackwood, Jean Blackwood's home-schooled daughter, lent two musical performances to the event, which she claimed served as breaks between readings. Of the pieces she performed, the second was her favorite.

"The third verse where I talk about the boy who is in the army and how he is not fighting for some great ideal, he's just fighting to make it through each day, shooting who gets in his way, I think most expresses how I feel about war," Tegan Blackwood said.

She was not the only participant who lent music to the reading. Dworkin contributed her ability to play the mbira, an ancient tribal instrument, to provide exit music.

"The source of that music, which is very ancient, has to do with bringing the community together for purposes of healing, especially, and resolving problems," Dworkin said.



Despite an anti-war sentiment, Dworkin said the reading was not specifically against war but open to different viewpoints.

"Even the people who believe that we need to take a military action ultimately want peace," she said.

For William Dessenberger, freshman computer science major, the reading was an opportunity to gather more students in his fight for peace.

"The only thing that's keeping people at this campus from demonstrating, acting and trying to stop the war is the simple fact that they don't know that there are efforts out there," he said. "They don't know that there's anything they can actually do." Dessenberger gathered information from students interested in an on-campus peace initiative.

The student peace club Dessenberger is helping set up, which will hold its first meeting at the Seattle Roast Caffé at 1 p.m. Saturday, is out to accomplish what he thinks the Reading for Peace helped — the visibility of the movement.

"The main thing is you have to be out there," Dessenberger said. "You have to be there when people are driving to work. You have to be there when people are going to the mall, going to school. It has to be everywhere. You have to get out there once a week or more, just be in a populated place where people realize, 'whoa, there's someone standing over there and they're against the war. Amazing, I'm not the only one.'"

Despite using the Reading for Peace to further his movement, Dessenberger explained the gathering was a much-needed form of relaxation for those who have been working for peace.

Organizations come to Board for handouts

BY JEFF REID
Executive Editor

Campus organizations continue to come to the Campus Activities Board for money to co-sponsor events.

At the Jan. 27 CAB meeting, two different campus organizations approached CAB for money, stating that in exchange for money, the groups would cite CAB as co-sponsors of their respective events. The first event was a potential trip to Kansas City, Mo., proposed by students working in conjunction with Lee Elliff Pound and the Alumni Association, to support the men's and women's basketball teams in the MIAA tournament, which runs March 6-9 at the UMB Bank Pavilion. Tickets for the tournament are $35 and are good for the entire tournament. However, there is no guarantee at this point that either team will make it.

The hope is that, assuming either team makes the tournament, Southern will have a strong fan base there to support the team.

"We don't have any school spirit at all, and it's sad," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

The group also approached Student Senate on Jan. 29 for money, but the proposal was tabled for two weeks.

Students from the Wesley Foundation also approached CAB seeking additional funding for a concert to be held in March, promising the Board that in exchange for money, CAB would be listed as a co-sponsor.

Wesley stated it needed about $1,000 for the event, which would feature a Christian rock group and coffee house, and that the group anticipates around 200 people for the event. However, the event was planned to be held off campus at the Wesley building.

After a brief discussion, Blackford said she would not object to supporting the event, but did have a few concerns.

"I don't have a problem supporting the event, it just bothers me having it off campus," Blackford said.

Students from Wesley said while they prefer to host the event at their facilities, if CAB was providing money, then it could be moved on campus.

CAB also discussed a comedian for Safe Spring Break, although finding a conservative comedian is proving to be a bit of a problem.

"It's hard to find a comedian who will fit in here," Blackford said. "We're kind of a conservative college, so we don't want someone who will swear a lot."

Jason Givens, junior undecided major, had a potential suggestion for the problem.

"There's a group that has a rating system for their comedians like R, PG, PG-13, so that way we know what we're getting," Givens said.

The next CAB meeting is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Billingsly Student Center's second floor lounge.

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1 Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ home vs Southwest Baptist. Ladies play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

3 CAB meets @ 2 p.m. in the lounge on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center.

4 LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly 306.

The Student Nurses Association will be holding a Have a Heart for Cerebral Palsey fund-raiser @ 11 a.m. in the Lions Den.

5 Student Senate will meet @ 5:30 p.m. in Billingsly 310.

Lions and Lady Lions basketball will play @ home vs Central Missouri. The women play @ 5:30 p.m. The men play @ 7:30 p.m.

6 Catholic Campus Ministry will meet @ noon in Billingsly 311.

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly 306.

FCA will meet @ 7 p.m. on the second floor of Billingsly in the lounge.

Weekend Happenings:

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Saturday: Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

The Green Room::
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Useless Information

Black lemurs are the only primates that can have blue eyes. (lemurs and humans that is)

Seoul, the South Korean capital, just means "the capital" in the Korean language. (ooh, how original)

Adolf Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion but was talked out of it by her doctor.

Las Vegas means "The Meadows" in Spanish. (makes sense since it is in the middle of a desert).

"Cash," the American slang word for money, comes from the ancient Egyptian word for beer. Beer was used as a means of bartering. (hmm, that'd be cool... I could pay for school with Budweisers)

The Queen termite can live up to 50 years and have 30,000 children every day. (gives a whole new meaning to getting around)

In Chinese dining, duck sauce is almost never used on duck. (makes perfect sense to call it duck sauce then, right?)

NOTE: All information for this section taken from http://come.to/phil
So gripe to them, not me!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital appoints new board member

On Jan. 22, Freeman Health System announced the appointment of Dr. Kent Farnsworth to its board of directors.

Farnsworth has been president of Crowder College since 1985 and, for the past two years, has served on the board of directors for Freeman Neosho.

Annual festival put on hold this year

The Route 66 Music Festival will not be held this year. On Jan. 21, a representative of the Festival's owners made the announcement citing "huge revenue loss" at last year's festival.

2004's Festival will be held only if economic conditions are good.

For more information, consult the Festival's Web site at www.route66musicfestival.com.

PR veteran lands new job with city

The city of Joplin appointed Lynn Iliff Onstot as the city's new public information officer.

Onstot has worked in public relations for almost 20 years in and around Joplin. In the past, she has worked for Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage and both area hospitals.

Onstot formally begins her duties on Feb. 3.

Blood supply low, needs donations

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will hold a blood drive from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday at Leggett & Platt Branch One, 229 N. McGregor St., in Carthage.

The CBCO still has a code yellow alert for all blood types. Donations can also be made from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays at the Joplin Donor Center at 2639 E. 32 St.

For information, persons may call the Center at 626-8323 or toll free at 866-401-5143, or check its Web site, www.cbco.org.

Chamber program keeps city clean

Area businesses help pick up trash in town

BY T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

Companies and volunteer groups around Joplin have been pitching in to help clean area streets and parks.

The city of Joplin, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Joplin parks and recreation department have joined together in efforts to keep Joplin litter free.

This is done with the use of the Adopt-a-park/Adopt-a-street program organized by the Chamber.

Kim Lester, the Chamber's director of operations, said the city has had the program for a long time, but interest had died off. The city called the Chamber and asked if the enhancement committee could revive the program.

"What we did is that we just simply put the word out asking for sponsors from businesses or civic clubs asking if they would like to adopt an area," Lester said.

To date, about 35 businesses and clubs have joined the efforts to keep Joplin clean.

Each group adopts a small area of town, about six-blocks, or a park to clean up. Groups go out once every four to six weeks to pick up trash in their area.

The Chamber partnered with Jerry Calvin, director of parks and recreation, who was wanting sponsors to help keep Joplin's parks clean.

"We're providing Jerry Calvin with the businesses," Lester said.

The city puts up signs in each adopted area displaying the group sponsoring that area as well as "Beautify Joplin" and an iris, the city flower.

"I had a parks employee call and thank us for helping get this program going," Lester said, after the employee had been to two or three parks to clean up and found several bags of trash already picked up.

Missouri Southern's athletic department is one group which sponsors an area.

Once a month, one or two of Southern's teams go out and pick up litter along Fourth Street between Range Line Road and Florida Avenue.

"[Students] should be proud of Missouri Southern," Lester said. "The athletic department has sponsored an area, and they have been one of our most faithful cleanup crews."

"[The teams] don't mind it," said Kevin Greim, director of marketing for the athletic department. "It's not hard. And I don't think it bothers the kids at all to get out there once a month."

Southern became involved with adopt-a-street after Greim learned about the program from the Chamber.

"It's a way to get the name of Southern athletics out into the community in a positive light," he said.

"What we're hoping, is that people in the community will see people out there picking up trash and it'll help spur on other activity," Lester said.

The Chamber wants citizens to take pride in Joplin and start caring about the city more. The Chamber's community enhancement committee uses the slogan "Community pride starts inside" to help focus on this goal.

Participation in Adopt-a-park/Adopt-a-street is free to groups wanting to sponsor an area.

"There's no cost to them at all except for their time," Lester said. "I probably have a call every week from someone who [has heard about the program]. And we still have lots of areas in town that still have not been sponsored."

Groups, businesses or individuals interested in joining either the Adopt-a-park or the Adopt-a-street program should contact the Chamber office at 624-4150.

The Chamber encourages any group that wishes to get involved to call.

"The Chamber is a great organization," Greim said. "You do for the Chamber and the Chamber will do for you. Being part of the Chamber really provides dividends [for its members]."

Dioko Coffee Co. brings new experience to area

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Joplin will soon be home of a new place for entertainment and relaxation.

The Dioko Coffee Co. will soon be opening its doors to the public for a new and upbeat experience to the people of Joplin.

The word Dioko comes from the Greek language and means "press on" (like a coffee press) or "strive."

The owners of the coffee shop are planning a grand opening on Feb. 14, and they hope to open its doors for business about a week before the grand opening.

Jared Kendall, manager of Dioko Coffee Co., said he has been researching the idea of a coffee shop for two years now.

He thinks they have learned and prepared everything needed to run a successful business.

"A lot of people have tried to open a coffee house in the area, but we feel that we are ready," Kendall said.

He said the business is going to offer an upbeat hangout that is a great new place to study, relax or meet with friends.

The shop will allow customers to get away from class or the office.

Every Friday night the coffee shop will offer live music. Jazz, blues, rock and piano are some of the styles of music that will be played.

The building is equipped with conference rooms, a fireplace and a 30-foot mahogany bar. Internet access will also be a feature of the new coffee shop. Some residents of Joplin are excited to see a place like the Dioko Coffee Co. open.

"It's great to finally see a real coffee shop opening in Joplin," said Toby Buckner, Joplin resident. "It's great to know that there is a place like that to hang out in Joplin."

The owners think Joplin was a great place to start a business because the citizens were in need of a place to hangout and enjoy everything a coffee house has to offer.

The Dioko Coffee Co. can be located at 514 S. Main St., in Joplin. For more information, people can call them at 623-4455.

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College President Julio León and Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) cited evidence Tuesday at a 5 p.m. hearing in Jefferson City supporting Senate Bill 55, which would change the name of Missouri Southern as well as the residency of its Board of Regents. Missouri Southern will be held at a university status if the bill is passed.
Virginia Fairchild/The Chart

Southern's name stands trial

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Time was not a luxury granted to advocates of the Missouri Southern name change bill Jan. 28.

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) gave testimony at a 5 p.m. hearing on behalf of Senate Bill 55 that would change the name of the College and the residency of its Board of Regents. In front of members of the Senate Pensions and General Laws Committee, Nodler and College President Julio León cited reasons to change the name of Southern to Missouri Southern State University-Joplin.

One of the main reasons for the university status, Nodler said, is to put the College at a more competitive advantage with bordering out-of-state institutions such as Pittsburg State University.

"I think it [the name change] would be great," said Mike Pittman, sophomore psychology major. "It means another step up, maturing from a college to a university."

Michelle Klund, freshman teacher education major agreed.

"It looks better to graduate from a university as opposed to a college," she said.

Bill 55 also states that a person appointed to the Board of Regents must reside within a 60-mile radius of the College. Currently, the members of the Board must live in the same district Southern lies in.

Despite the lack of floor time, supporters believe this is the first step in changing the name of the College.

"I was pleased that our bill was heard at this early stage in the session," Nodler said. "Our case was made effectively, and we hope to get the bill moved to the floor."

He said the committee only has a certain amount of slots when it comes to passing bills. Members have the option of moving bills to the floor, not moving them or combining bills.

Nodler said since there are three name change bills proposed to the committee, it is possible they all will be lumped together.

The other institutions seeking a name change are Southwest Missouri State University (to Missouri State University) and Missouri Western State College (to Missouri Western State University). He said this would make passing the bill "more problematic" since some institutions' name changes are more opposed than others.

"You just have to present your case and let the political process take its course," León said.

"It's not a slam dunk, but we have a chance," Nodler said.

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Gary Nodler
Senator

New members develop plan to attain goals

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

When representatives and senators pack up for Jefferson City, they not only carry with them personal interests, but also the wants and needs of every citizen they represent.

All of these goals have to be dealt with and prioritized. To make the most out of the time they have, legislators are scattered across committees to ensure that most of the issues facing the nature of Missouri, its public, and its economy are recognized.

Local representatives have other bills on their minds besides the name change at Missouri Southern.

Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Joplin) was appointed to the Children's Justice Committee, and he said the group is "completely reviewing the Division of Family Services and Juvenile System to restructure, reorganize, re-prioritize and make more efficient."

One of his personal goals is to help complete the Highway 259 bypass which he said would take a load of traffic off of Range Line Road and ease access to and from the College.

"We need to pass legislation that addresses work comp and unemployment to increase job opportunities for our graduates as soon as they finish at MSSC," Stevenson said.

Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin), chairman of the Workforce Development and Workplace Safety Committee, is also working on a comprehensive bill to reform workers' compensation.

Reforming unemployment security as well as passing a bill that would enable public schools to construct new buildings at a "responsible cost" is on his list.

"Those three bills we want to get through the House and the Senate and put on the governor's desk," Hunter said.

"I won't vote for any major tax increases, and I will watch the penny like it's out of my own check book," Hunter said.

Rep. Ron Richards (R-Joplin) said he is focusing on job creation and economic development to allow Missouri to be more competitive with bordering states.

"I just want to be a good public servant, make our area and our college more competitive, and bring a better quality of life to our area," Richards said.

Lady leads House

Woman speaker shatters stereotype

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Being the first woman to ever hold the most powerful position in the Missouri House of Representatives is just icing on a "gigantic" cake for Catherine Hanaway.

Hanaway embarked on her fourth year at the Capitol in January 2003, and this year she has another title to tag on to her name, speaker of the House.

"It feels like an awesome responsibility and not because I am the first woman speaker, but because I'm speaker," Hanaway (R-Warson Woods) said.

"Regardless of gender, it's an awesome responsibility to be speaker of a state with more than five million people in it and a budget of about $19 billion."

Others at the Capitol agree the job is tough, but believe Hanaway can handle it.

"She's working for interests of the state just like I am," said Rep. Neal St. Onge (R-Ballwin). "I don't see any problems with her being female or male. She's going to try to do the best job she can as speaker."

Although Hanaway has opened a door that his been shut forever in Missouri history, she doesn't like to think about it. She said if she does, it would "paralyze" her.

"You just have to do the job," Hanaway said. "What's opened more doors for women, more than anything else, is just to go and do a good job."

"It's pretty neat that a woman is in power," said Diesha Rogers, freshman elementary education major. "It's pretty inspiring."

Besides all the responsibilities she holds at the Capitol, Hanaway has a life back home, one that includes a husband and a 4-year-old daughter. Balancing it all, Hanaway said, isn't achieved with any "magic formula."

"You just keep moving your feet," she said. "You have to be flexible. Your life doesn't look like anyone else's life, and you learn to make fun where you can find it."

It also doesn't hurt to have somebody there for support.

Hanaway said, besides her husband maintaining a demanding career, he's also a single parent four days a week.

"He thinks it's important," she said. "If he didn't, there's no way he'd make the sacrifices that he makes for me to be able to be down here."

Hanaway was born in Nebraska and raised there and in Iowa. In the 11th grade, Hanaway said she "caught the bug" when she was given a choice to pick from writing a paper on politics or working on a campaign. She chose the campaign, and her feet hit the ground running.

Hanaway went on to attend the University of Missouri for a few years, ultimately attaining her bachelor's degree in journalism in 1987 from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Journalism was inspired by her father, who she said wanted her to get a degree she could find work with. But, in the end, Hanaway said it was "superb training for law school." She graduated in the top 10 percent of her class in 1990 from Catholic University of America with a J.D. degree. A job offer from a firm in St. Louis brought Hanaway to the Show-Me State. She said she worked on political campaigns on a volunteer basis, but after becoming involved in a campaign for U.S. Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.) in 1993, she has not looked back.

Virginia Fairchild/The Chart
Speaker Catherine Hanaway resides in Warson Woods.

"I'd like to say I'm a recovering lawyer," Hanaway said.

In regard to her goals for higher education, she said she plans "to make sure that higher education does not bear a disproportionate amount of the cuts.

I think that it already had more than its fair share of cuts."

Prior to settling into her chair for a photo, she paused and smiled.

She opened her desk drawer and pulled out a tube of lipstick.

"There is one thing that is different about being a woman in this position," Hanaway said.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Student initiative aims at legal drugs

University of Missouri law student, Anthony Lee Johnson, wrote a proposition that would, if passed, legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes and protect students, who use the drug, from jail time in Columbia.

Columbia voters will decide on Proposition 1 April 8. Under the initiative, cases involving small quantities of marijuana, 35 grams or less, would be handled at a local level instead of in a state court. There, the offender could be faced with misdemeanor-like fines beginning at $25. The risk of jail time would be eliminated for these cases.

Johnson told the Associated Press this would benefit college students who, if convicted even once, risk approval for financial aid to fund education.

Trashing old phones saves NMSU cash

Pay phones will leave the campus of one university in Missouri.

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, is removing all the coin-operated telephones on its campus.

Cell phones have taken over the role that pay phones play on the campus, making them obsolete. According to the Associated Press, the NMSU campus is home to 29 pay phones that average a monthly income of $4.55. The University needs $135 a month to break even.

The University will save $45,000 annually just by removing these coin-operated telephones.

Medalist volunteers for nutrition project

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Olympic gold medalist, joined with St. Louis University to deliver a message to the parents of young children: "Encourage your children to eat right by eating right yourself."

Joyner-Kersee volunteered by narrating an interactive CD-ROM, which St. Louis University is producing in collaboration with the national Parents as Teachers Program.

The program is part of a $2 million nutrition project, "High Five, Low Fat," funded by a grant from the National Institute of Health. The CD-ROM makes its debut at the annual Parents as Teachers meeting in April.

Senate bill clarifies tax deductions

A bill to modify tax deductions for higher education savings program contributions has been sponsored by Senator Anita Yeckel (R-St.Louis County), assistant majority floor leader.

The proposed bill would enable an income tax deduction of up to $8,000 for a single person and as much as $16,000 for a combined return for total annual contributions made to qualified savings programs and IRC section 529 plans.

Reinstated player raises suspicion

After a University of Missouri-Columbia basketball player was accused of a felony assault against a woman Jan. 17, he was suspended according to University policy.

According to an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch,* Ricky Clemons, 22, is the leading scorer on the Mizzou basketball team, which in turn brings in millions of dollars to the University.

Clemons, who was accused of choking a woman, with whom he had an intimate relationship, denied the charges. He was then suspended from the team and felony charges were brought against him.

After the Tigers experienced a loss against Oklahoma State, the athletic director, Mike Alden, reinstated Clemons to the team.

He went on to score 15 points that aided in the Missouri victory against Iowa State.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Bands plan concert for former student

A benefit concert for former Missouri Southern student Chad Terry will take place Friday at Joplin's Memorial Hall.

The benefit will raise money to help Terry pay medical bills.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m., and music begins at 4 p.m. Local bands such as Aural Fidelity, Push Factor, V.D., The Lonely, Peace Church, Dark as the Day, Brutally Frank and One Track Mind will play. Some bands include Missouri Southern students.

Tickets are $5 at the door.

The concert is sponsored by Punkteur Tattoo & Piercing, Electric Art Tattoo, ROCK 105.3 FM, Smoke-N-Fumes, Massey Music, Big Don's, St. Paul's Methodist Church and Crossroads Church of Wicca.

Assessment Day upcoming for seniors

Seniors expecting to graduate in May, July or December 2003 should expect a letter in the mail in early February informing them about Senior Assessment Day.

Senior Assessment Day is a requirement for graduation.

If seniors do not receive a letter, they should contact 625-9349 or stop by Matthews Hall, Room 321.

Student peace group meets Saturday

A student peace group meeting will take place at 1 p.m., Saturday.

The meeting will be held in the Seattle Roast Caffé on the bottom floor of Spiva Library.

Attendees of the meeting will discuss various topics, including the current threat of war.

CONTRACT:

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original contract, although he did not sign one for the amount he should have received. He and Agee made a compromise where Locher would be paid the approximate $7,000 raise plus a $5,000 bonus for the error made.

"It was an error on behalf of the College," Agee said. "We needed to honor that. So we paid him a compromise. That's how we arrived at the $5,000."

This brought Locher's 2001-2002 salary to $47,694 — an increase of $12,200 from his previous year's payment.

"I would like to have kept the whole amount," Locher said. "That would have been great. But I was more than happy to make that adjustment. I thought they handled it very well. I thought it was a very good compromise."

Monday, Jan. 27, an anonymous person posted fliers throughout Webster Hall accusing Locher of refusing to pay back the extra money he originally received. He also received an anonymous voice mail message from someone calling him a "piece of crap."

After these events, Locher said he hopes people now realize he was not trying to deceive anyone.

"This wasn't something that I somehow snuck past the administration," he said. "This is what the administration gave me after correcting the mistake. We all agreed this was a good solution."

Dr. Richard Miller, head of social science department, said the department became aware of the mistake in Locher's salary toward the end of last semester.

"I became aware of it about a year ago, but I wasn't aware it was an error at the time," he said.

Miller said he noticed Locher's salary was significantly higher than it had been in previous years while looking over summer budgets.

"Since I don't deal with salaries, I had no reason to question it," he said.

Miller said the mistake became public within the department when Dr. Ree Wells, associate professor of sociology, requested a list of salaries for the faculty welfare committee and raised questions about Locher's pay. Wells declined to comment for this story.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, questioned how the mistake happened in the first place.

He has instructed at Missouri Southern for 36 years and has never known a mistake to be made like this on a contract. Agee also said an error of this magnitude has never been made.

"I've always been under the assumption that these figures are double-checked," Gubera said. "After 36 years of assuming something like that, that shakes me a little bit to see something of a mistake like this being made and obviously not being caught."

He said he is not so much bothered by Locher receiving the extra pay as he is by how the situation was handled.

"The integrity and morality are the sort of things that seem to be undermining this whole thing," Gubera said. "Sometimes it's not so much the figures as what has happened and how it's happened. So many other faculty members have come through the rank and file and have done it the hard way."

Agee said an error like this should never occur again.

"We put safeguards in place now," she said. "All the contract amounts are run through human resources prior to signing contracts. The likelihood of this ever happening again is very, very small. It goes through the eyes of at least four different individuals now before the contracts are even mailed."

Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, thinks the controversy over Locher's salary has been "overblown."

"Even now, Dr. Locher is making less money than his colleagues at comparable institutions," he said.

"Much less money, in fact, than he's worth. The only controversy here, the only scandal here, is that it takes a clerical error for somebody on this campus to be paid something close to what they're worth."

CROSSWALK:

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ways and cross the street.

Included in the construction has been a concrete barrier on Duquesne Road.

Harrington said the barrier was added to keep pedestrians from jaywalking. Students, and stadium visitors have been avoiding the designated crosswalks, giving reason to campus officials to add the protective barrier.

"Pedestrians were crossing everywhere," Harrington said. "It was a very hazardous situation."

Despite its purpose, the barrier hasn't had the warmest of welcomes.

"There's not enough space between the lanes," said Leticia Diaz, senior psychology major. "It's not comfortable."

Although reviews of the new construction are mixed, Harrington believes the project was well worth the time, effort and money.

"Some people don't understand all the work that went on behind the scenes," he said. "This took a long time"

One challenge with the project was how Newman Road faces state regulations and how Duquesne Road works under the city.

Another challenge, Harrington sees in the future, will be the collaboration between driver and pedestrian.

"Students will need to follow the law," he said.

When the lights take affect next week, security will no longer direct traffic during the peek times students leave campus.

EQUALITY:

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received a $7,000 raise based on 85 percent of the national average.

At a salary of $48,648, Locher is being paid just above the average for Southern associate professors — $48,200, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education.*

"I am not the highest paid associate professor in my department, and my salary is the average for an associate professor on our campus," Locher said.

With the $5,000 bonus, Locher still makes less than two other associate professors in the social science department. The average pay for that rank in that department is $46,691.

That average is much less than other departments. The average pay for an associate professor in the School of Business is $65,675, and $60,086 in the computer information science department. The highest paid associate professor works for the School of Business and earns $79,598. The lowest paid professor works in the communications department for $39,620.

"You accept the fact that everybody's kind of in the same boat until you begin to realize there's tremendous inequality across this campus in the different schools," Gubera said.

Many instructors think these figures are unfair, but Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, said the salaries are fairly based on supply and demand and competition.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, also said demand in different departments affects pay.

"It's all market-driven," she said. "Different degrees, different areas, the market pays more."

Martin said some departments, such as business, have a higher demand; therefore, the College must pay instructors in the School of Business more to gain and keep them.

Even within departments, however, large gaps in salaries can occur. Martin said this is because different branches within the department can have higher demand. Rank also makes a difference.

"A person's salary is not determined by how long they've been here, but rather by their rank and how long they've been at that rank," he said.

Martin did admit, however, that the formula used to calculate salaries can lead to some problems.

One problem, called "leapfrogging," occurs because of inflation in salaries each year.

Due to inflation, someone receiving a promotion could end up making much more money than another person who received that same promotion a few years earlier.

Martin said even if the College could figure out a way to prevent leapfrogging in the future, it would be difficult to compensate those that were "jumped" in the past.

HISTORY:

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history credits.

"We feel, and I am of the opinion, that it's extremely important for students to see the world in a larger perspective than what they've grown up in," said Dr. Douglas Lumsden, director of the history department at Benedictine.

At Benedictine, students have a choice when it comes to choosing their history classes.

"It does seem kind of ironic that we have an international mission, but we make you take U.S. history," said Dr. Dale Simpson, English and philosophy department head.

Southern students are allowed to choose between American, British and World literature courses for their core curriculum, because it would be restrictive only to look at American literature, Simpson said.

"It boils down to, we want people to know American history more than we want them to know world history," Martin said. "I mean, start with American history, then add the world. You can't understand the world unless you understand yourself."

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Track team places third at meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

Jan. 24 ad 25, the Lions track and field team hosted its home opener at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

After months of nothing but training, the athletes finally had the chance to compete against someone besides themselves.

Teams like the University of Arkansas, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist University and MIAA rival Pittsburg State University were in attendance. Southern went out and placed third only behind Arkansas and Oklahoma. At the end of it all, the Lions ended up with six provisional performances.

"Competing against the type of competition we went against, finishing third right behind Arkansas and Oklahoma, I was very pleased," said head coach Tom Rutledge.

Rutledge said the short-distance running was a little weak due to youth, and the middle distance and up performed well. He was also pleased with the field events during the two days.

The Lions, not being used to a two-day meet this early in the season, faded a little during the second day of competition.

The team will have to get used to that kind of scheduling, as there are more all day or two-day meets as the season progresses.

Results include: in the 200-meter dash, Moses Manga placed 10th, Demarcus Mathes placed 17th, and Aaron Armstrong placed 24th; in the 400-meter dash, B.J. Blocker placed 19th and Armstrong placed 26th; in the 600-yard run, Shannon Freeman placed 16th; in the 800-meter run, Thomas Quaid placed sixth, Michael Sutter placed 10th, Joel Standeford placed 13th, and Jeremiah Still placed 29th; in the mile run, Magnus Holmstrom placed fifth and Brian Lyons placed seventh; in the 3,000-meter run, Lyons placed fifth and Craig Rhoads placed seventh; in the 5,000-meter run, Petri Kykyri placed second, Larry Boswell placed third, and Rhoads placed fifth; and in the 4x400-meter relay, Southern placed eighth, 11th and 13th.

"For the first indoor meet we performed well; we had a lot of good individual performances," said Michael Stewart, jumper.

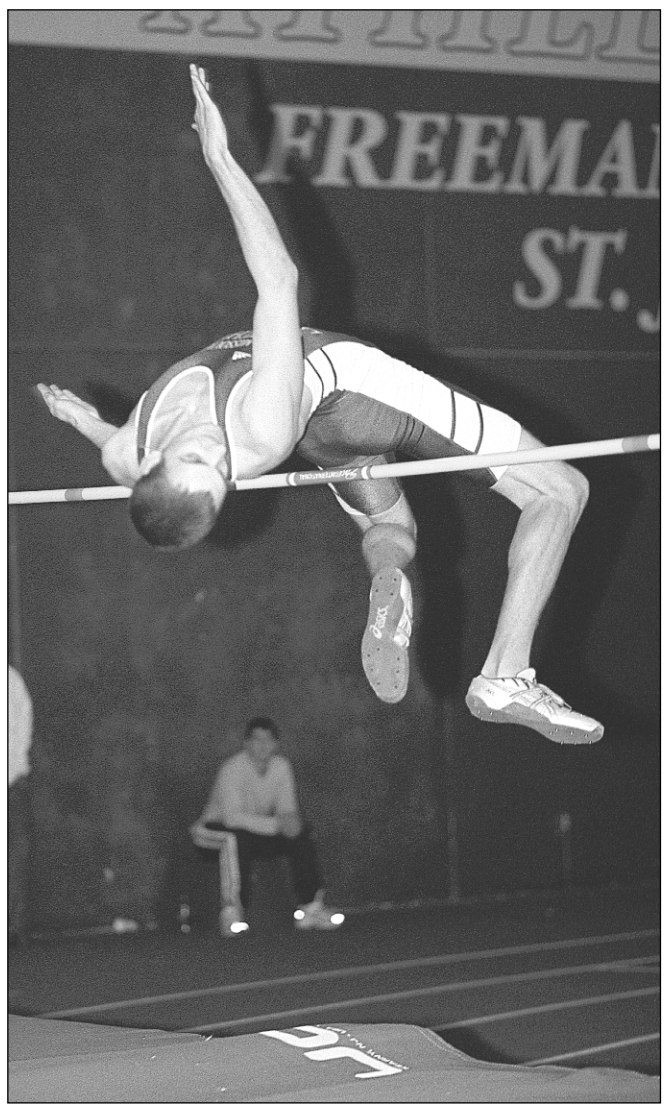
Results from the field events include: in pole vault, Seth Isringhausen placed fourth, Kyle Rutledge placed fifth, Chris Turner placed sixth, and Jimmy Littleford placed 14th; in the triple jump, Stewart placed fifth; in the weight throw, Arley Smith placed first, Jamie Tallman placed third, and Matt Hays placed ninth; in the high jump, Kyler Rushing placed in a three-way tie for second; in the long jump, Stewart placed eighth; and in the shot put, Smith placed first, Tallman placed fourth and Hays placed seventh.

For the Lions, six provisional marks were set at last weekend's meet. Two were achieved by Smith, in the weight throw and shot put, three were set in the pole vault by Isringhausen, K. Rutledge and Turner. Stewart was the other athlete to achieve a provisional in the triple jump.

"Overall it was a good meet," Rutledge said. "We were needing a meet to see where we need to be and where we need to go. We're looking forward to Oklahoma, which means the competition isn't going to be any weaker."

On Saturday, the team is going to the University of Oklahoma Invitational where it will see more competition that will prepare it for the MIAA meets.

"We'll be in better shape and better prepared; we should run quicker and better," said Ryan Shumaker, hurdler, about the upcoming meet.



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Kyler Rushing, freshman nursing applicant, competes in the high jump competition on Jan. 25. Rushing placed second in the high jump competition.

TRACK RESULTS

Women — Overall

1st — 2nd — 3rd

Young Lady Lions place third in first track meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

With half of the Lady Lions track and field team being freshmen and half returning lettermen, they were able to amass 53 points, finishing third behind the University of Arkansas and the University of Oklahoma and beating Oklahoma State University by 11 points.

At the beginning of the meet, there was a lot of nervousness in the youthful squad, but by the end, the team performed as though this wasn't the first meet of the season.

"We were extremely pleased with the outcome of the meet," said Patty Vavra, head coach. "For our initial indoor meet...overall, I thought that we showed up very well against the competition."

Vavra thought there were many bright spots in the meet, at the same time there were some things that the team needs to work on.

Results from the track events include: in the 200-meter dash, Mary Garrett placed fifth, Ashley Fisher placed 10th, Iashia Castle placed 12th, and Melissa Horn placed 16th; in the 400-meter dash, Garrett placed third, Castle placed sixth, and Horn placed 11th; in the 800-yard run, Alisha Adams placed third and Erin Click placed sixth; in the mile run, Click placed ninth, Jen Noelken placed 10th, and Megan Russell placed 12th; in the 3,000-meter run, Rachel Patterson placed eighth and Noelken placed 11th; in the 5,000-meter run, Johanna Kanala placed second and Patterson placed fourth; in the 60-meter hurdles, Garrett placed fifth; and in the 4x400 relay, Southern placed fourth.

Results the field events include: in the pole vault, Christal Arnall placed 12th; in the triple jump, Charmaine Kent placed fifth, Castle placed eighth, and Fisher placed 11th; in the weight throw, Danee Jones placed first and Shonna Sherrell placed seventh; in the high jump, Horn placed ninth, Sara Mueller placed 12th and Kent placed 15th; in the long jump Castle placed eighth, Fisher placed 17th, and Kent placed 21st; and in the shot put, Jones placed fourth and Sherrell placed 15th.

"In the first meet of the year, you never know what's going to happen, but considering we're all pretty young and inexperienced, it went pretty good," said Jamie Burnham, assistant coach.

Two provisional marks were set by Jones in both the weight throw and the shot put.

Jones is ranked third in the nation in the weight throw behind the two athletes who claimed the first and second rankings last season.

Unlike last week at home, Vavra plans on pulling back on the number of events the athletes will participate in to concentrate on more quality.

Oklahoma, Wichita State University, Kansas State University and the University of North Texas are some of the teams the Lady Lions will face on weekend.

Burnham said the team stayed with the same kind of practice routine throughout the week. She told the team the first meet was just a starting point and that the Ladies will build from there, hopefully getting better every week.

Team's offensive rhythm results in third victory

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern men picked up their second consecutive win Jan. 25 by defeating Truman State University, 91-83.

Robert Corn, head coach, said the Lions, shot extremely well and developed a good offensive rhythm early that carried on throughout the game. He said the defensive rhythm was not quite as good, but the offense was enough to carry the team.

"I thought we executed well on offense," Corn said.

"We made the extra pass, got good shots and hit them for the most part.

"We weren't expecting to score quite as much as we did, but we got ahead early and that forced Truman to take some shots earlier than they would have liked which set the pace for the game."

The Lions were led by a career-high 28 points from junior guard Ameer Watts. His previous career high came one week earlier with 26 points in the overtime loss to Emporia State University.

Corn said he could not be more pleased with the play he has received from Watts all year.

"He is a real team leader and he makes the good decisions," Corn said. "He is just having a heck of a year for us."

Corn said the job Watts did Jan. 25 not only resulted in his highest career point total, but also got the post players into the action.

"Ameer did a good job of driving and dishing us the ball down low and really got us going," said Zach Scheirer, senior center.

"Once the middle was opened up, it gave our shooters a chance to get going."

Confidence was another factor that contributed to Southern's win at Truman.

"Anytime a team is playing with confidence, like we are now, they have a better chance of winning," Corn said. "We knew we had to go into the game with confidence because it is so difficult to win on the road in this league."

The win Jan. 25 improved the Lions' record to 12-4 (5-3 MIAA), and it moved them into a three-way tie for third place with Northwest Missouri Sate University and Southwest Baptist University.

Everyone is still chasing Washburn University and Emporia State University, although only one game separates the two teams tied for first and the three teams tied for third.

Before Wednesday night's game at the University of Missouri-Rolla,the main area of concentration for Southern was containing Brian Westre, UMR's center senior.

Jan. 29 Game

61

65

Westre, the conference's third leading scorer, has been a formidable force in the paint all season, and the job of holding him fell on Scheirer and Darrell Redmond.

"Darrell and I have done a pretty good job all year on the conference centers," Scheirer said.

"None of them have had huge games against us, and we're just going to try to keep that up."

But the Lions could not stop Westre and the Miners. Southern dropped its fourth MIAA game of the season 65-61.

Behind a 15-6 run with 8:22 left in the second half, UMR took the lead, and a three-pointer by Kerry Darting with 2:47 left put them up for good.

Westre led the way for the Miners with 24 points, followed by Damian Henderson and Darting with 16 and 15 points respectively.

The Lions were led on the offensive end by junior forward Deon Rose who had 20 points. The only other Lions in double figures was Warren with 10 points.

Southern's second sweep through the conference will begin at home on Saturday against Southwest Baptist. The first meeting between these two teams resulted in a 15-point loss for the Lions.

Corn is not planning on making any wholesale changes against them or any of the teams in the conference, and he is optimistic about the remainder of the season.

Womens' sports lack equal coverage

Women's athletics doesn't receive equal attention compared to men's athletics programs. It's a fact — pure and simple. However, the reasons behind that fact differ.

On the Missouri Southern campus, KGCS doesn't cover certain sports such as volleyball because of under staffing.

"We used to cover volleyball a few years ago," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS.

After the students who did cover volleyball graduated, nobody was there to pick up the ball and run with it. Without a KGCS student to pursue coverage, volleyball was no longer televised.

Stiles said the station would like to give those sports that don't get media time coverage. The problem is there aren't enough students enrolled in the KGCS practicum to cover all of the sporting events.

Michelle Conty
Associate Editor

As it is, KGCS tries to give men's and women's basketball equal air time.

"There are logistics to covering some sports, such as not a convenient way to set up cameras," Stiles said.

However, a student could take a field camera and do voice-over video, highlights, and voice-over sound bites on these forgotten sports.

"We want to show people what else is happening on campus," said A.D. Hoyt, sophomore mass communications major who works extensively in the television station.

People already get their stats for football and basketball from the major networks. Programming other sporting events would set KGCS apart from KOAM, KODE or KSNF.

"No matter what your major, you can find something to do here that will benefit your future career," said Gabe Mankin, senior mass communications major.

Business majors should take advantage of such an opportunity in order to gain voice control and master communication skills. Such skills are beneficial for giving presentations.

Composure and confidence in front of a group is essential in today's highly competitive job market.

"We are one of the few colleges that lets you work with the equipment as a freshman," Hoyt said. "Most require you to be at least a junior."

"The soccer field doesn't have any way to shield the equipment," said Brian Harter, senior mass communications major.

"But, it wouldn't take much to take a couple of cameras and mics out and film for highlights," Mankin added.

There is hope, however.

Two students have proposed ideas for doing half-hour sports shows that would touch on more than just the big two — football and basketball.

I hope both get their projects approved. With any luck, intramurals may get coverage, too. Other colleges and universities cover intramurals.

It would be nice if the College television station could cover theatre and other events on campus. There's more to college than sports, and there is more to sports than football and basketball.

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SOUTHERN SCORES

Women's Basketball

Jan. 25
Kirksville

MSSC (84)
Messick 0-0 0-0 4, Silva 1-3 2-2 7, Koenig 1-3 0-0 5, Rzeszut 7-16 12-14 45, Green 0-0 0-0 2, Inman 0-0 0-0 0, Deen 4-11 0-0 14, Slinker 1-1 0-0 5, Harrell 0-0 0-0 0, Christiansen 0-0 0-0 4.

TSU (73)
Sommer 4-6 10-10 36, Westhoff 1-4 5-8 14, Floyd 0-2 0-4 4, Long 0-2 0-0 0, Tromp 0-0 1-3 11, Thalin 0-0 0-0 0, Turnbull 0-0 0-0 0, Huffman 0-0 4-6 8, Bernard 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime-MSSC 40, Truman 32. Fouled Out-MSSC-Silva, Truman-Tromp. Three-point goals — Rzeszut 7, Deen 4, Silva 1, Koenig 1, Slinker 1. Rebounds-MSSC 31 (Koenig 5), Truman 38 (Tromp 7).
Assists-MSSC 20 (Koeing 11), Truman 16 (Westhoff 4).
Total fouls-MSSC-31, Truman-38 .

Jan. 29
Rolla

MSSC (53)
Messick 0-0 3-4 5, Silva 0-2 1-2 19, Koenig 0-1 3-4 3, Rzeszut 2-7 2-2 18, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Inman 0-0 0-0 0, Deen 2-6 0-0 6, Slinker 0-0 2-2 2, Harrell 0-0 0-0 0, Christiansen 0-0 0-1 0.

UMR (60)
Judy 0-0 0-0 0, Kessenich 0-0 3-5 9, Poulard 3-3 3-4 16, James 0-0 0-0 14, Paulauskaite 0-0 3-8 11, Hessel 0-0 0-0 0, Manus 0-2 0-0 4, Anderson 0-0 2-3 6.

Halftime-MSSC 26 , UMR 22.
Fouled Out - Messick, Harrell. Three-point goals — Rzeszut 2, Deen 2. Rebounds-MSSC 36 (Silva-10), UMR 25 (Kessenich-11).
Assists- MSSC 10 (Koeing-5), UMR 12 (Kessenich-3,James-3).
Total fouls-MSSC 21 , UMR 14.

Men's Basketball

Jan. 25
Kirksville

MSSC (91)
Warren 1-2 2-2 13, Rose 0-2 1-3 5, Scheirer 0-0 6-7 10, Watts 4-8 6-7 28, Ocasio 2-5 2-2 12, Hice 0-0 0-0 2, Cruse 0-0 2-2 2, Sherrel 1-2 0-0 3, Aponte 0-0 0-0 0, Redmond 0-0 2-3 12, Collazo 0-0 0-0 4.

TSU (83)
Mikl 5-10 5-5 22, Beran 0-1 5-8 21, Grimm 0-0 2-2 4, Sodemann 0-1 4-4 4, Mueller 5-6 0-0 17, Welker G. 0-0 0-0 0, Maxwell 1-3 0-0 3, Welker R. 0-1 2-2 2, Lindsey 0-1 6-6 10, Glosier 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — MSSC 40, Truman 35. Three-point goals — Watts 4, Ocasio 2, Warren 1. Fouled out None Rebounds — Southern 31 (Warren 8), Truman 28 (Beran 6).
Assists — Southern 20 (Watts 5), Truman 18 (Sodemann 6).
Total fouls — Southern 22, Truman 21. Technical fouls — none.

Jan. 29
Rolla

MSSC (61)
Warren 0-3 0-0 10, Rose 1-4 3-4 20, Scheirer 0-0 0-0 4, Watts 3-4 0-1 9, Ocasio 1-6 0-0 7, Hice 0-0 0-0 0, Clair 0-0 0-0 0, Cruse 0-0 1-3 7, Sherrel 1-1 0-0 3, Aponte 0-1 0-0 0, Redmond 0-0 0-0 0, Collazo 0-0 1-2 1.

UMR (65)
Henderson 4-6 0-0 16, Shaw 0-0 2-2 6, Westre 0-0 2-3 24, Johnson 0-3 0-0 0, Darting 5-9 0-1 15, Wessel 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Grim 0-1 0-0 0, Bulter 0-2 0-0 2, Perry 0-0 2-2 2.

Halftime — MSSC 24, UMR 37. Fouled Out — None.Three-point goals — Watts 3, Rose 1, Ocasio 1, Sherrel 1. Rebounds — MSSC 39 (Warren 9), UMR 36 (Westre 11).
Assists — MSSC 15 (Watts 10), UMR 20 (Henderson 7).
Total fouls — MSSC 12, UMR-10 .

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Jake Long, freshman linebacker, was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 18.

Fighting For Another Day

"It's devastating news to get. You don't know how to react when you first hear about cancer."

Vernon Long
Jake Long's father

Long's struggle leads to victory

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

It's a regular doctor's visit, nothing new. Some tests are done, then the doctor reveals something unexpected.

You have been diagnosed with cancer at the age of 18 and will have to be taken out of school your senior year and be home schooled. There is also the four rounds of chemotherapy and two surgeries to be done.

What does one do in this instance?

Jake Long, freshman undecided major, decided he was not going to let the diagnosis get him down. He was diagnosed with testicular cancer on Nov. 29, 2001. Vernon Long, Jake's father, said that at one point Jake told him "he never considered the factor that he could die."

"I tried to keep a positive attitude," Jake said. "If you start thinking like that, things will not go the way you want them to."

Jake said anyone who was put into the same situation he was would think the same way. After the diagnosis, Jake had to be taken out of school during his chemotherapy. He participated in Home Bound, where his teachers would send the schoolwork home to Jake via his mother Kathy Long. Kathy is a school teacher where Jake attended school, and it was easy to send the work home to him. Jake said he would go to school when he was feeling better, but would stay home most of the time.

Vernon said when he heard the news of his son's diagnosis, he was devastated.

"It's devastating news to get," he said. "You don't know how to react when you first hear about cancer."

Vernon said he realized it wasn't "the end of the world." He said what got him and his wife through the treatments was pulling from Jake's strength.

Vernon said he's "elated that (Jake) is OK and happy that he can play football."

Vernon said he is "thoroughly pleased" with Mark Smith, Missouri Southern's linebacker coach. Smith would call periodically during Jake's treatments and surgeries to see how he was doing. Smith called two weeks before school started and invited Jake over to watch practice and to tour the campus.

Vernon said while at college, Jake took part in the weight program and gained back 65 pounds from the point of his lowest weight on June 1.

Smith said he called the day after Jake was diagnosed with cancer to talk to him about Southern.

When he found out about his diagnosis, Smith became more interested in Jake as a person instead of as a possible recruit.

"I didn't know if he was going to be able to play football again," Smith said. "But I went ahead and called him to see how he was doing."

Smith said he decided to call Jake back "whereas most people would have fallen off." He said that cancer would have scared most people off from trying to recruit him or to call back to see how Jake was doing.

"I like Jake as a person and wanted to know how he was doing," Smith said.

Smith said part of him wanted Jake to come and play football at Southern during his ordeal, but because he is a father, Smith became more concerned about Jake.

He said he could never have imagined this happening to his children. Smith wanted to know how Jake was doing "and to make sure things were headed in the right direction, and that he was going to bounce back. Which he did, in big form."

After Jake got into Southern, he started participating in the weight program. Mike Lawrence, head strength coach, said the program helped Jake move in the right direction in gaining back the weight.

"I don't know if we did much for him — Jake did the work," Lawrence said. "Any weight that he's gained back, or so on and so forth, is a credit to his work ethic."

Lawrence said the program knew of Jake's condition when he came in. Lawrence designed a program with his condition in mind.

When Jake wanted extra work to do, Lawrence and his staff would give it to him.

Smith said because Jake couldn't play on the football team, he was able to volunteer to run tape and do whatever was needed for the team.

He said that before Jake came to Southern, he told some of the players about his condition.

"I told them to take care of him," Smith said. "After they met him, they got along with him real well."

The players became friends with Jake and these friendships "hopefully will last him a life time."

The coaches were shocked to hear about Jake and his condition.

Jake has been cancer free since his surgeries and chemo treatments. He has to go in every two months for a checkup. Smith said he expects Jake to put on pads next season and play as a linebacker.

"I don't know anything about him as far as college football, because he hasn't put a helmet on yet," Smith said.

"I've got a good feeling that he will be a good one. Great thing about it is we still have him around for four more years."

Rzeszut misses MIAA record by only one point

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

With the desire to make a turnaround in a 11–8 season, the Lady Lions continued in a three-game winning streak by conquering the Lady Bulldogs of Truman State University.

The Jan. 25 game was held at Truman in Kirksville and ended in a close 84-73 game.

During the game, the women tied the Missouri Southern record by scoring 14 three-pointers and made 34 attempts from long range, breaking the College mark.

Southern finished up the first half leading 40-32, but fell behind in the second half.

Scoring 27 points in the last half of the game still kept the Lady Lions ahead.

"We have stepped up our intensity," said freshman center Paige Christiansen. "We dug ourselves a hole, so we had to step up because we were losing."

Senior Jaquie Rzeszut led the team scoring 45 points, 12 of which were free throws. This was Rzeszut's 11th game this season to lead in point scoring.

"They fouled Jacquie a lot," said freshman guard Nicole Greninger.

The fouls against Rzeszut gave her the opportunity to score 12 quick free-throw points.

"The post players had foul trouble," Christiansen said. "But Jacquie is a good free-throw shooter."

Not only did she rack up team points with free throws,

Jan. 29 Game

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she was also named Wilson/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Player of the Week. Rzeszut's 45 points scored in the game also beat Southern's single-game scoring record that had been 42 points. The previous record was set in 1988 by Anita Rank.

"Playing as a team" continues to be the women' strength in winning. With 10 games remaining in the season, the women have the chance to make up for the losses suffered early in the season.

"We know we have talent and ability," Christiansen said. "We just all need to keep doing our part and working together for the rest of the games."

On Jan. 29, the women took a trip to Rolla to challenge the Lady Miners of the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Leading in the first half, 26-22, wasn't enough for the ladies to finish out the game. In the second half, Southern scored 27 points and allowed the Lady Miners to gain an 11-point lead, losing 60-53.

Lucimara Silva, junior center, held the scoring high of 19 points, while Rzeszut had two free throws and two 3-pointers.

The women are ready to face the Lady Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University on Saturday.

The game will be played at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center before the men's game. Tip off is set at 5:30 p.m.

"I think it will be a good game because it was such a close game when we played at SBU," Christiansen said. "We have the mind frame that we can't lose at home."

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Jacquie Rzeszut, senior guard, drives into the lane during the Dec. 7 game against John Brown University. Rzeszut shot 45 points in the Lady Lions game against Truman, a school record.